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1. Agency _State Dept., EA/TB (Thailand Burma desk)_

   Component/location _EA/TB_   _Rm 5210 N.State_

   Purpose or principal activity (military planning, foreign aid, briefing, research, etc.) _Overseeing US relations with Thailand & Burma_

   Your position (job title) _Country Officer_

   Your fields of responsibility (geographic area and/or specialty) _Thailand, Burma — Political affairs & International relations_

2. Is the NIS Production Status Report available for your use?   ✓ Yes   ___ No

   Do you regularly use it?   ✓ Yes   ___ No
   Fairly often

3. Receipt of NIS units is:

   ___ Regular and systematic   ___ Irregular, with some gaps   ___ Sporadic and uncertain

State Dept. review completed

4. Below is a list of available NIS publications.

    a) Indicate in column I the frequency of use by means of the following symbols:

        A = Regularly   B = Occasionally   C = Rarely   D = Never

    b) Indicate in column II your use, according to the following symbols (multiple uses may be indicated):

        1 = Planning and operations   4 = General background and orientation
        2 = Research, analysis, and production   5 = Other (specify) _____
        3 = Briefings   _____

Col. I	Col. II	Publication	Col. I	Col. II	Publication
B	3 4	General Survey (check sections used most frequently) ___ Chronology ___ Introduction ___ Geography ___ Transp. and Telecom. ✓ Sociological ✓ Political ✓ Economic ___ Scientific ___ Armed Forces ___ Area Brief ___ Summary Map	D	____	Telecommunications
			D	____	Population
			B	3 4	Characteristics of the People
			B	3 4	Religion, Education, and Public Information
			D	____	Manpower
			D	____	Health and Sanitation
C	3	Basic Intelligence Factbook	B	3 4	Intelligence and Security
D	____	Coasts and Landing Beaches	B	3 4	Subversion and Insurgency
D	____	Weather and Climate	D	____	Agriculture, Fisheries, and Forestry
D	____	Meteorological Organization and Facilities	D	____	Fuels
D	____	Topography	D	____	Electric Power
D	____	Urban Areas	D	____	Minerals and Metals
D	____	Railroads	D	____	Manufacturing and Construction
D	____	Highways	D	____	Trade and Finance
D	____	Inland Waterways	C	3	Armed Forces
D	____	Ports and Naval Facilities	D	____	Marine Climate
D	____	Merchant Marine	C	4	Oceanography
D	____	Civil Air			

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5. In general, do you consider yourself:

___ a. Regular user of NIS publications

✓ b. Infrequent user

6. If you checked 5,a, above, which of the following best describes NIS usefulness:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

___ Principal source of information

___ Secondary source

✓ Supplies information in a conveniently assembled form not otherwise available

___ Supplies corroborative information

___ Other (specify) _____

7. If you checked 5,b, above, which of the following best describes your reasons for
only infrequent use:
(If more than one applies, indicate rank by using 1 for highest.)

___ Not readily available

1 Not sufficiently current -- *but historical data are often very useful
and not obtainable elsewhere very easily.*

___ Too summarized and generalized

___ Too detailed

___ Only marginally related to my needs

*Comment: Needs on country desk are often operational and
very specific — & sometimes NIS Sect 59 has been only
source where I could find certain biographies.*

___ Needs filled by other publications (specify) _____

___ NIS of value only in conjunction with other publications (specify) _____

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___ Other (specify) _____

8. Has the NIS been consulted for crisis situations, crash projects, or emergency plan-
ning?

✓ Yes   ___ No   Why? _____

If you checked "Yes" above, how useful was it under these circumstances?

✓ Excellent   ___ Good   ___ Adequate   ___ Marginal

*Sometimes --
when I happened to
have the exact
info needed.*

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9. With reference to the NIS publications listed in 4, above, what are the major short-comings you have found in the NIS? (Please relate these to your own needs, considering adequacy of coverage, reliability of content, currency, length and detail of presentation, and security classification.) _Obsolescence (sp?), though I don't see how this can be avoided. As I see it, the NIS performs the great service of establishing a checklist toward which USG intelligence and research agencies direct their efforts. The publication is valuable as a source -- but even more basic is the fact that some agency has gotten organized to obtain each type of information, and may be able to up-date the published NIS report as needed._

(answer may be continued on the reverse)

10. What specific suggestions can you make for improving the content (including graphics), coverage, organization, and format of NIS units? _The loose-leaf format for biographies has been a great improvement -- whether or not you still label it NIS. It might be useful to study possibilities of applying the same format to other chapters._

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Signature (optional)

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